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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO PMG RE FATE OF HAILE SELASSIE

REFERENCE: DEPARTMENT 261115

FOR CHARGE

1. WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS OF AL-NAHAR IN BEIRUT THAT ETHIO-PIAN MILITARY REGIME HAS DECIDED ON EXECUTION OF HAILE SELASSIE. REPORTS, WHICH ARE ATTRIBUTED TO QUOTE WESTERN DIPLOMATS UNQUOTE STATE EX-EMPEROR HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM MENELIK PALACE TO SITE 35 MILES FROM ADDIS ABABA.

2. WHILE WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR EVALUATING ACCURACY OF BEIRUT REPORTS, WE ARE DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THEIR IMPLI-CATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM
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ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES URGENTLY THAT USG AND AMERICAN

PEOPLE WOULD VIEW WITH SHOCK AND REVULSION EXECUTION OF
FORMER EMPEROR. OUR VIEW, WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE SHARED
BY WORLD OPINION IS BASED ON HAILE SELASSIE'S HISTORIC
ROLE IN RESISTING FOREIGN AGGRESSION AGAINST ETHIOPIA 40
YEARS AGO AND HIS MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN UNITY AND
INDEPENDENCE.

3. FOREGOING POINTS SHOULD BE MADE ORALLY AND URGENTLY BY
YOU TO APPROPRIATE ELEMENT ETHIOPIAN REGIME, EITHER AT

TIME MESSAGE WHICH AUTHORIZED REFTEL IS DELIVERED OR
SEPARATELY. ESSENTIAL, HOWEVER, YOU MOVE WITH DISPATCH
AND THAT MILITARY RULERS HAVE NO DOUBT RE STRONG USG
FEELING ON THIS SUBJECT. INGERSOLL

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